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#### 五、英文發明摘要 (發明名稱: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PHASE DELAY)

An apparatus for phase delay is disclosed. The apparatus includes a buffer utilized for buffering a received input signal that will be outputted afterwards; a digital to analog converter (DAC) utilized for converting a received digital value of phase delay to a control voltage; and a variable capacitor that is controlled by the controlling voltage possesses a capacitance value.





四、中文發明摘要 (發明名稱:相位延遲裝置及方法)

五、英文發明摘要 (發明名稱:APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PHASE DELAY)

By the variable capacitance value, the apparatus for phase delay can change amount of the phase all and the corresponding output signal.



#### 六、指定代表圖

- (一)、本案代表圖為:第\_\_\_\_圖
- (二)、本案代表圖之元件代表符號簡單說明:
- 200 相位延遲電路
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- 21 數位類比轉換器
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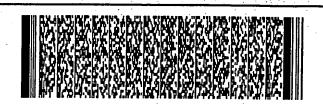
本發明提供一種相位延遲電路,尤指一種利用一可作相位補償的相位延遲電路。

#### 【先前技術】

在許多電路中,例如時脈訊號產生器(clock generator)或是射頻傳輸接收器(RF transceiver),對於訊號相位的精確度的要求相當高,當這些訊號相位產編差時,會對整個系統產生相當大的影響。至於在多相位時脈訊號產生器(multi-phase clock generator)中,每個輸出訊號間的相位差的精確度亦相當重要,當相位誤差增加時,輸出時脈訊號的時脈抖動(jitter)也會增加,這對需要精確的時脈訊號的系統而言,可能會導致後級電路嚴重的錯誤,例如類比數位轉換器的取樣點的錯誤,或是位元錯誤率(bit error rate)上升等等。

在設計電路時都會相當小心注意這些需要精密相位精確度的佈局路徑,然而在無法完全掌握溫度、製程與供應電壓的風移等等的因素時,習知技術之積體電路通常會無法提供準確的相位延遲,此時就需要利用額外的機制對相位偏移做修正。





#### 五、發明說明 (2)

習知之相位偏移技術之一即是利用電容之充放電效應來對欲傳送至下一級之訊號進行 RC延遲,通常係以複數個開發的別控制複數個電容器以調整電容值的大小相位延遲以使得訊號的相位延遲以使得訊號的相位延遲電路 100的示意圖。相位延遲電路 100中包含有複數個開關,由與實際 B 以延遲一輸入訊號以產生一輸出訊號。相位延遲電路 100條利用複數個開關,由開關的接通與否來調整該電路的一節點 N之電容大小,當較多開展通而導致節點 N之等效電容值較大時,輸入訊號的延過量就會增加。

為了對所傳送的訊號作精密的相位延遲控制,最好能夠使得上述複數個開關所貢獻之電容值及電阻值與該等複數個電容器之電容值及該緩衝器之電阻值相較為十分微小而可忽略不計之數值。因為如果開關所具有之寄生電容及電阻過大的話,將會於切換前後對該訊號之 RC延遲造成無法預測的影響,這是於電路計設時所不樂見的。

然而,隨著應用技術領域的進步,對於訊號相位延遲更加 精密控制之要求與日俱增,而導致於上述用來提供 RC延遲 之電容值及電阻值也愈來愈小,在這樣的情形之下,一般 利用 MOS電晶體來實現之開關將面臨以下的難題:一方面 為了使開關的寄生電容值變小,用來作為開關之 MOS電晶





#### 五、發明說明 (3)

體之尺寸係愈小愈好,但是另一方面為了使開關的電阻值變小,上述 MOS電晶體之尺寸則是愈大愈好。如此將導致相位延遲電路 100設計上的困難。

#### 【內容】

因此本發明的主要目的在於一種以將該數位相位延遲值轉變為一數位控制電壓,以控制一可變電容與一緩衝器,延遲一輸入訊號以產生一輸出訊號的電路與方法。

#### 【實施方法】

本發明所揭露之方法與架構是以圖二為例,以期藉由數位方式紀錄的所需的相位延遲值與數位類比轉換器的輔助,提昇相位延遲電路的精確度。





#### 五、發明說明 (4)

請參閱圖二,圖二為本發明之相位延遲電路200用以延遲 一訊號之功能方塊圖。圖二之相位延遲電路200包含有一 緩衝器 20、一數位類比轉換器 21以及一可變電容 22。緩衝 器 20具有一輸入端與一輸出端,用以緩衝於其輸入端所輸 入之該輸入訊號,以於輸出端產生該輸出訊號,其可用以 接收一時脈訊號產生器所輸出之時脈訊號,或是一射頻收 發器所輸出之訊號。數位類比轉換器(Digital to Analog Converter, 簡稱為 DAC) 21具有一輸入端與一輸 出端,用以將其輸入端所輸入之一數位相位延遲值轉變為 一控制電壓輸出,其可用以將一輸入的數位相位延遲值轉 變為一控制電壓輸出。可變電容22具有兩端點,其中一端 點 電 連 於 數 位 類 比 轉 換 器 21之 輸 出 端 , 另 一 端 點 電 連 於 緩 衝器 20之輸出端,用以依據該控制電壓以改變可變電容22 的電容值。可變電容22可以為一MOS壓控電容或是一P+/N型 井 接 面 壓 控 電 容 ( P+/N well junction voltagecontrolled capacitor),用以依據該控制電壓以改變可 變電容22的電容值。

需注意的是,本發明亦可以用兩套上述之電路來實現,兩套運路分別調整兩輸入訊號的相位,以調整兩輸入訊號之間的相位差。其中兩輸入訊號可以是一對差動訊號,也可以是通訊系統之射頻接收器(receiver)與發射器(transmitter)之 I/Q訊號。





#### 五、發明說明 (5)

圖三為利用本發明之相位延遲電路200以進行相位延遲之流程圖,操作流程包含有下列步驟:

步驟 200: 開始;

步驟 202:緩衝器20的輸入端接收到一輸入訊號;

步驟 204:數位類比轉換器 21的輸入端接收一數位相位延遲值,並將該數位相位延遲值轉變為一控制電壓,然後於其輸出端輸出;

步驟 206: 可變電容 22接收該控制電壓,該控制電壓控制 可變電容 22,使可變電容 22具有一相對應於該數位相位延遲值之電容值;

步驟 208:利用可變電容22以及一緩衝器20,延遲該輸入訊號,以於緩衝器20的輸出端產生該輸出訊號;以及步驟 210:結束此相位延遲操作,完成本發明的相位延遲

流程之一實施例。

由於可變電容對於不同的電壓會反映出不同的電容大小(即是可變電容的電容值隨著兩端跨壓在特定的精確度,動),因此,若能控制可變電容的的技術定的,因此,若能控制可變電容大小的技術而言,以數位類比轉換器來控制可大幅提高相位延遲的精確度。且由於數位類比轉換器接收的是以數位方式紀錄





#### 五、發明說明 (6)

下來的相位延遲值,所以,在前級偵測相位誤差的方法上,能採取更多樣的偵測方式。

以上所述僅為本發明之較佳實施例,凡依本發明申請專利範圍所做之均等變化與修飾,皆應屬本發明專利之涵蓋範圍。



#### 圖式簡單說明

#### 圖式之簡單說明

圖一為習知技術之一相位延遲電路的示意圖。

圖二為本發明之相位延遲電路的功能方塊圖。

圖三為本發明之相位延遲電路的相位延遲的流程圖。

#### 圖式之符號說明

100、200 相位延遲電路

10、20 緩衝器

1 12、13、14 電容器

15、16、17、18 開闢

21 數位類比轉換器

22 可變電容



- 1.一種相位延遲電路,包含有:
- 一緩衝器,用以緩衝一輸入訊號,並輸出一輸出訊號;
- 一數位類比轉換器 ( Digital to Analog Converter,
- DAC) , 用以依據一數位相位延遲值輸出相對應之一控制電壓;以及
- 一可變電容,分別與該數位類比轉換器及該緩衝器耦接,其中,該可變電容之電容值係與該控制電壓相對應;
- 其中藉由控制該電容值,該相位延遲電路可調整該輸入訊號與該輸出訊號之相位延遲。
- 如申請專利範圍第 1項所述之方法,其中該輸入訊號係為一時脈訊號。
- 3.如申請專利範圍第1項所述之方法,其中該輸入訊號係為一射頻訊號。
- 4.如申請專利範圍第1項所述之方法,其中該可變電容為一壓控電容。
- 6.如申請專利範圍第 4項所述之方法,其中該壓控電容係為一 P+/N型井接面壓控電容 ( P+/N well junction



voltage-controlled capacitor) .

7.一種延遲相位的方法,該方法包含以下步驟:

緩衝一輸入訊號,以輸出一輸出訊號;

提供一數位相位延遲值;

依據該數位相位延遲值產生相對應之一控制電壓;

利用該控制電壓控制一可變電容之電容值,以調整該輸入訊號與該輸出訊號之相位差。

- 8.如申請專利範圍第7項所述之方法,其中該輸入訊號係時脈訊號。
- 9.如申請專利範圍第7項所述之方法,其中該輸入訊號係為一射頻訊號。
- 10.如申請專利範圍第7項所述之方法,其中依據該數位相位延遲值產生相對應之該控制電壓步驟係由一數位類比轉換器來實現。
- 11.如申請專利範圍第7項所述之方法,其中該可變電容為一整控電容。
- 12.如申請專利範圍第 11項所述之方法,其中該壓控電容係為一 MOS壓控電容。



- 13.如申請專利範圍第 11項所述之方法,其中該壓控電容係為一 P+/N型井接面壓控電容。
- 14.一種相位延遲電路,包含有:
- 一第一緩衝器,用以緩衝一第一輸入訊號,並輸出一第一輸出訊號;
- 一第一數位類比轉換器,用以依據一數位相位延遲值輸出相對應之一第一控制電壓;以及
- 一第一可變電容,分別與該第一數位類比轉換器及該第一 緩衝器耦接,其中,該第一可變電容之電容值係與該第一 控制電壓相對應;
- 一第二緩衝器,用以緩衝一第二輸入訊號,並輸出一第二輸出訊號;
- 一第二數位類比轉換器,用以依據該數位相位延遲值輸出相對應之一第二控制電壓;以及
- 一第二可變電容,分別與該第二數位類比轉換器及該第二 緩衝器耦接,其中,該第二可變電容之電容值係與該第二 控制電壓相對應;
- 其中藉由控制該第一及該第二電容值,該相位延遲電路可調整該第一輸入訊號與該第二輸入訊號之相位差。
- 15.如申請專利範圍第14項所述之方法,其中該第一輸入訊號及該第二輸入訊號係為一對差動訊號。



16.如申請專利範圍第 14項所述之方法,其中該第一輸入訊號及該第二輸入訊號係分別為一同相訊號 (In-phase signal, I signal)及一四分之一相位訊號 (Quadrature-phase signal, Q signal)。

17.如申請專利範圍第14項所述之方法,其中該可變電容為一壓控電容。

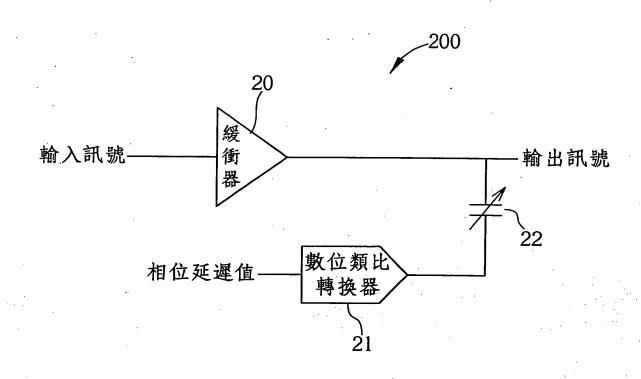
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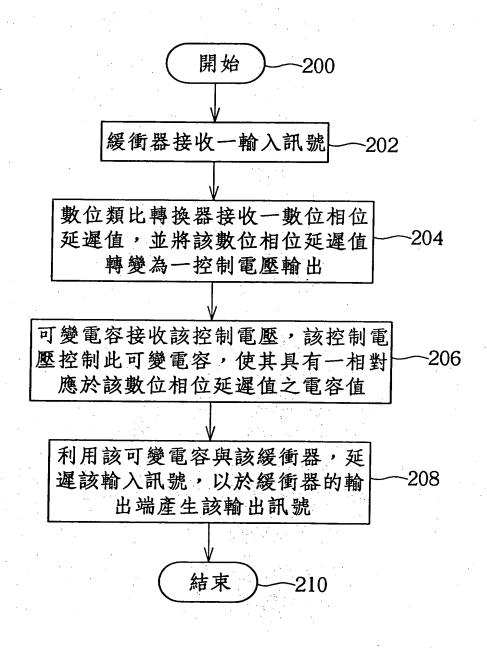
19.如申請專利範圍第 16項所述之方法,其中該壓控電容係為一 P+/N型井接面壓控電容 ( P+/N well junction voltage-controlled capacitor)。



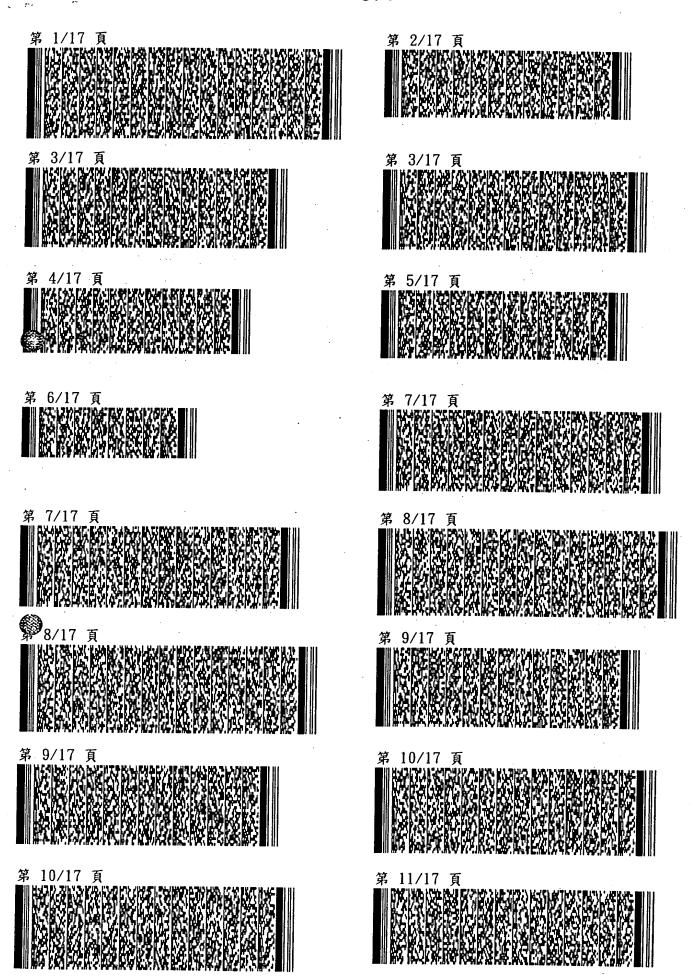
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圖三





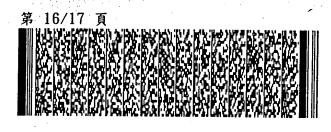












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